

In an article on 'Pests and disease of the cocoanut palm'<sup>1</sup> the same author notes that a small cockatoo of the Solomon Islands, which from the description is *Cacatua ducorpsi* (fide Alex Wetmore), does a great deal of damage by gnawing holes in small green cocoanuts.—W. L. M.

### The Ornithological Journals.

**Bird-Lore.** XVII, No. 6. November–December, 1915.

The Behavior of the Least Bittern. By Arthur A. Allen.—Excellent illustrations from photographs.

A Family of North Dakota Marsh Hawks. By Florence M. Bailey.

Grouse Camp-Mates. By Roy C. Andrews.—Spruce Grouse in the Adirondacks.

The Nuthatches are the subject of the colored plate, with notes on migration and plumage of the several species.

The Educational Leaflet, by T. G. Pearson, treats of the Surf Scoter. In the Audubon Society department there is a well illustrated article 'Cruising the Klamath.'

**Bird-Lore.** XVIII, No. 1. January–February, 1916.

Some Canadian Grouse. By H. H. Pittman.

The Chickadees are figured in the colored plate and their migration and plumage discussed.

Bird-Lore's Sixteenth Christmas Census covers 25 pages.

Educational Leaflet, The Shoveller. By T. G. Pearson.

**The Condor.** XVII, No. 6. November–December, 1915.

The Yellow-billed Loon, a Problem in Migration. By W. W. Cooke.

Notes on the Nesting of the White-tailed Ptarmigan in Colorado. By W. C. Bradbury.

Characteristic Birds of the Dakota Prairies. II. Along the Lake Borders. By Florence Merriam Bailey.

A Convenient Collecting Gun. By L. H. Miller.

Further Remarks on the Kern Red-wing. By J. Mailliard.

Nesting of the White-tailed Kite at Sespe, Ventura County, California. By Lawrence Peyton.

Additional Observations on the Birds of the Lower Colorado Valley in California. By A. B. Howell and A. Van Rossem.

**The Condor.** XVIII, No. 1. January–February, 1916.

Philadelphia to the Coast in Early Days, and the Development of Western Ornithology Prior to 1850. By Witmer Stone.

Characteristic Birds of the Dakota Prairies. III. Among the Sloughs and Marshes. By Florence Merriam Bailey.

New and Interesting Bird Records from Oregon. By S. G. Jewett.

<sup>1</sup> Science Bull. No. 2, Dept. Agr. N. S. Wales, 3d Ed., July 1914, p. 54.

A Personal Supplement to the Distributional List of the Birds of California. By W. L. Dawson.

**The Wilson Bulletin.** XXVII, No. 3. September, 1915.

Field Observations on the Rose-breasted Grosbeak. By I. N. Gabrielson.

Birds by the Wayside, in Egypt and Nubia. By Althea R. Sherman.

Owls as Regarded by the Scientist, the Agriculturist and the Sportsman.

By R. W. Shufeldt.

Plainfield, New Jersey, Bird Census. By W. D. Miller and C. H. Rogers.

Mississippi Kite in Nebraska. By D. H. Bailey.

**The Wilson Bulletin.** XXVII, No. 4. December, 1915.

The Home of the Great Crest. By I. N. Gabrielson.

A Two-year Nesting Record in Lake County, Ill. By C. C. Sanborn and W. A. Gœlitz.—71 species.

The Chronicle of a Tame Olive-backed Thrush. By C. J. Stanwood.

Five Hours on Butler's Lake, Lake Co., Ill. By W. A. Gœlitz.

Cardinals in Northeastern Iowa. By M. E. Hatch.

**The Oölogist.** XXXII, No. 12. December 15, 1915.

A Belated Nest of the Olive-sided Flycatcher. By R. W. Tufts.

Notes on the Acadian Flycatcher in the Vicinity of Philadelphia. By R. F. Miller.

**The Oölogist.** XXXIII, No. 1. January 15, 1916.

The Golden Eagle in Cochise County, Arizona. By F. C. Willard.

European Widgeon [in Virginia]. By H. H. Bailey.

**The Oölogist.** XXXIII, No. 2. February 15, 1916.

The Bald Eagle in Florida. By O. E. Baynard.

**Blue Bird.** VIII, No. 1. December, 1915.

A Sketch of the Magnolia Warbler on his Breeding Ground. By Cordelia J. Stanwood.— With illustrations from photographs.

Eggs of North American Water Birds. (Part iv). By R. W. Shufeldt.— Two color plates of Murre's Eggs.

**Blue Bird.** VIII, No. 2. January, 1916.

Some Experiences in the Photography of Owls. By R. W. Shufeldt.— Numerous illustrations.

Cemeteries as Bird Sanctuaries. By T. G. Pearson.— Reprinted from 'The Craftsman.'

**The Ibis.** X Series. Vol. IV, No. 1. January, 1916.

A Revision of the Genus *Haplopelia*. By D. A. Bannerman.— Ten forms are recognized, two subspecies of *H. larvata*, six of *H. simplex*, while *principalis* and *forbesi* are given specific rank. The latter, it is thought, will prove to be the female of another race of *simplex*, its locality being at present unknown.

Notes on some of the Birds of Grand Cayman, West Indies. By T. M. Savage English.— Twelve species are added to Mr. P. R. Lowe's list (*Ibis*, 1911). A colored plate of *Spindalis salvini*, *benedicti* and *pretrei* is given.

Notes on the Birds of the Jhelum District of the Punjab. By Hugh

Whistler. With Notes on the Collection by C. B. Ticehurst.— 267 species listed, of which *Riparia riparia indica* (p. 70) from Jhelum, is described as new.

Notes on a remarkable Honey-eater (*Woodfordia superciliosa* North.) from Rennell Island in the Western Pacific. By C. M. Woodford.— With colored plate.

Studies on the Charadriiformes — III. Notes in Relation to the Systematic Position of the Sheath-bills (*Chionididae*). By P. R. Lowe.— This is an admirably prepared paper on an important subject. Dr. Lowe's studies lead him to the opinion that the Sheath-bill is not a connecting link between the Plovers and Gulls as Kidder and Coues suggested, while it does not seem to be very closely related osteologically to the Oystercatcher as some writers have contended. He finds not a particle of evidence to support Dr. Shufeldt's statement that "the skull of *Chionis minor* is a veritable columbo-gallinaceous one." Dr. Lowe considered that the evidence points to the Sheathbills having been differentiated from the main Charadriiform stock before it had split into the Plover and Snipe branches and prior to the differentiation of the Skuas and Gulls. They are however, a very specialized, not a generalized, group.

Incidentally Dr. Lowe emphasizes the "very literal and patent fact" that the Gull is only a highly specialized Plover.

**Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club.** No. CCX. December 3, 1915.

Dr. Hartert described *Stachyris leucotis goodsoni* (p. 7), Borneo; and proposed the generic name *Reinarda* (p. 7) for *Claudia* preoccupied.

*Ægialitis hiaticula tundræ* (p. 7) is described as new by Dr. P. R. Lowe from the valley of the Yenesay, E. Siberia; and *Mirafraga cantillans williamsoni* (p. 9) by E. C. Stuart Baker from Bangkok, Siam.

A general discussion was held on 'The Bearing of Oölogy on Classification.'

**Bulletin of the British Ornithological Club.** No. CCXI. December 20, 1915.

E. C. Stuart Baker described as new *Mirafraga assamica marionæ* (p. 34), from Central Siam, and Dr. Hartert the following: *Malacocincla sepiaria tardinata* (p. 35), Gumong Tahan, E. Malay Peninsula; *Pomatorhinus schisticeps eryptanthus* (p. 35), Margherita, Upper Assam; *Erythrocincla bicolor whiteheadi* (p. 36), Borneo; and *Macronus pilosus reclusus* (p. 36), Kina Balu, Borneo. It was announced that the Birds of Paradise introduced on the island of Tobago in 1909 had bred, and five young had been raised.

**Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club.** No. CCXII. February 3, 1916.

Charles Chubb described the following new forms from Ecuador; *Asio galapagoensis æquatorialis* (p. 46), Pichincha; *Ciccaba albitarse goodfellowi* (p. 46), Quito; *Pyrgilena castanopterus* (p. 47), Braza; *Grallaria nuchalis obsoleta* (p. 47), Pichincha; *Automolus brooki* (p. 48), Gualea. G. M.

Matthews described *Cookilaria cookii byroni* (p. 48) from Byron Bay, northern N. S. Wales.

A discussion was held on 'Bird Parasites and Bird Phylogeny.'

**British Birds.** IX, No. 7. December 1, 1915.

Notes on the Grey Plover on the Yenesei. By Maud D. Haviland.

The Moults of the British Passeres with Notes on the Sequence of their Plumages. Part II. By H. F. Witherby.—This installment treats of the Fringillidæ. Part III covering the same family appears in No. 8.

**British Birds.** IX, No. 8. January 1, 1916.

Henry E. Dresser, An obituary notice by Lord Rothschild.

Some Birds New to the British List. Notes by several contributors.

**British Birds.** IX, No. 9. February 1, 1916.

The "British Birds" Marking Scheme. By H. F. Witherby (see p. 213).

Notes on the Lapland Bunting on the Yenesei River. By Maud D. Haviland.

**Avicultural Magazine.** VII, No. 2. December, 1915.

Some Firefinches and other Gambian Birds. By E. Hopkinson (continued in No. 4.)

**Avicultural Magazine.** VII, No. 3. January, 1916.

The Genus *Zosterops*. By A. G. Butler.

Spring in New South Wales. By G. A. Heumann.

Cassowaries. By Dr. Graham Renshaw.—Notes on breeding and rearing in the London Zoo.

Humming Birds in their Native Haunts [Argentine and Chili]. By F. E. Blaauw.

The American Bittern in Captivity. By I. Dorrien-Smith.

**Avicultural Magazine.** VII, No. 4. February, 1916.

The European Goldfinch. By Dr. A. G. Butler.—With illustrations from photographs.

Sunbirds in their Native Haunts [S. Africa]. By T. E. Blaauw.

**The Emu.** XV, Part 3. January, 1916.

*Pacilodryas albigularis*. By A. J. Campbell.—With colored plate.

A Trip to the Northern end of the Flinders Ranges. By S. A. White.

Nesting Habits of the Mistletoe Bird (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*). By S. A. Lawrence and R. T. Littlejohns.

Notes upon the Yellow-mantled Parrot (*Platycercus splendidus* Gould). By H. L. White.

Remarks on the Proposed Second Edition of the "Official Check-List of the Birds of Australia." By G. M. Matthews.

Birds of a Murray Island. By C. Barrett.

Bird Life at Dumbleyung. By M. W. Elliott.

Procellariiformes in Western Australia. By W. B. Alexander.

Notes on the Ground Cuckoo-Shrike (*Pteropodocys phasianella*). By C. F. Cole.

Morning Song of the Noisy Miner (*Myzantha garrula*). By R. Hall.

**South Australian Ornithologist.** II, Part 5. January, 1916.

- Birds of the North and Northwest of Australia. By G. M. Matthews.  
A New Parrot for South Australia. By S. A. White.— *Barnardius barnardi lindoi* (p. 115), Moolooloo, Flinders Range.
- The Migration of Swallows in South Australia. By A. M. Morgan.  
Aquatic Birds breeding near Adelaide. By A. M. Morgan.  
A Sketch of the Life of Samuel White (cont'd). By S. A. White.
- The Austral Avian Record.** III, No. 2. November 19, 1915.  
On *Certhia atricapilla* Latham. By G. M. Mathews.  
On the "Table des Planches Enlum." of Boddært. By G. M. Mathews and T. Iredale.— A list of new names proposed in this work and omitted in Sherborn's 'Index Animalium.' Among these is *Fringilla canadensis* for our Tree Sparrow, which will take us back again to the nomenclature of Audubon and his "Canada Bunting."
- Additions and Corrections to my Reference List. By G. M. Mathews.  
*Austrotis australis melvillensis* (p. 51), subsp. nov. from Melville Isl., N. Australia.  
*Pluvialis dominicus fulvus* description of the chick and immature bird.
- Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie.** VII, No. 79. November 7, 1915.  
A Contribution toward an Ornithological Study of Provence. By J. L'Hermitte (continued in Nos. 81 and 82).  
Observations on the Birds of Newport, Belgium, during the War 1914–1915. By J. de Tristan.  
The Snipe. By M. de la Fuye (continued in No. 80).  
Birds and Electricity. By P. Bede.— Discussion of the killing of birds by telegraph wires.
- Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie.** VII, No. 80. December 7, 1915.  
List of Birds Observed at Lemnos in April, 1915. By Dr. M. Millet-Horsin.  
Note on *Accipiter major* (Degl. & Gerbe). By F. Daguin.  
Biological Observations on Birds of Kerguelen Island. By J. Loranchet (continued in No. 81).
- Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie.** VIII, No. 81. January 7, 1916.  
Notes on a Collection of Birds from New Caledonia and Lifou. By L. Brasil.— The following are described as new: *Chalcophaps chrysochlora disjuncta* (p. 195); *Haliastur sphenurus johannæ* (p. 201); *Pandion haliaëtus microhaliaëtus* (p. 201); *Sauropatis sancta canacorum* (p. 203) from New Caledonia; and *Tyto alba lifuensis* (p. 202), from Lifou.
- Hunting and the Protection of Birds in French East Africa. By A. Menegaux.
- Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie.** VIII, No. 82. February 7, 1916.  
Notes on a Collection of Birds from New Caledonia and Lifou (continued). By L. Brasil.  
Note on the Ornithology of Marocca. By A. Vaucher.
- Message Ornithologique.** VI, No. 4.  
A Journey to the Southeastern and Southern Parts of the Russian Altai and to Northwestern Mongolia. Main Ornithological Results. By P. Sushkin.

On the Ornithology of the Comander Islands. By B. M. Shitkov and S. G. Schtecher.

*Sitta europæa taivana* nom. emend. By S. A. Buturlin (p. 311).— New name for *S. formosana* (nec *S. formosa* Blyth).

*Carduelis carduelis colchicus* subsp. nov. By Alex. Koudashev (p. 313).

*Muscicapa atricapilla sibirica* subsp. nov. By V. A. Chachlov.

Birds collected by A. P. Velezhanin in the Basin of the Upper Irtysh. By G. I. Poljakow (continued).

**Ornithologische Monatschrift.** XXXIX, No. 9. September, 1914. New Facts on the Method of Propagation in Cuckoos. By K. Wenzel.

**Ornithologische Monatschrift.** XL, No. 1. January, 1915.

Contains reports on the several German bird reservations.

### Ornithological Articles in Other Journals.<sup>1</sup>

**Piers, Harry.** The Occurrence of European Birds in Nova Scotia. (Proc. and Trans. Nova Scotia Inst. Sci., XIII, Pt. 3, 1912-13, printed April 3, 1915.)

**Williams, M. Y.** Notes on the Herring Gull. (Ottawa Naturalist, November, 1915.)

**Rintoul, L. J., and Baxter, E. V.** Some Notes on Birds Moulting in their Winter Quarters. (Scottish Naturalist, January, 1916.)

**Ticehurst, C. B.** Notes on Migrants and Molt, with Special Reference to the Moults of Some of our Summer Visitors. (Scottish Naturalist, February, 1916.)

**Butterfield, E. P.** Observations on the Behavior of a Nestling Cuckoo. (Zoologist, January, 1916.)

**B[ragg], L. M.** Royal Terns on Devoe's Bank [S. C.]. (Bull. Charleston Mus., December, 1915.)

**Lucas, F. A.** The Beginnings of Flight. (Amer. Mus. Journal, January, 1916.)

**Thomas, Rose H.** White-collar Mendelising in Hybrid Pheasants. (Proc. Zool. Soc. London, 1915, pp. 279-284.)

**Mitchell, P. Chalmers.** Anatomical Notes on the Gruiform Birds. (Proc. Zool. Soc. London, 1915, pp. 413-423.)

**Miller, L. H.** The Owl Remains from Rancho la Brea. (Univ. of Cal. Publ., Geol. IX, No. 8, pp. 97-104.)

**Hankinson, T. L.** The Vertebrate Life of certain Prairie and Forest Regions near Charleston, Illinois. (Bull. Ill. State Lab. Nat. Hist., XI, pp. 281-303.)

<sup>1</sup> Some of these journals are received in exchange, others are examined in the library of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. The Editor is under obligations to Mr. J. A. G. Rehn for a list of ornithological articles contained in the accessions to the library from week to week.